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SUBJECT: SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: SUN 6367

1. IN REPLYING TO SECRETARIAT INQUIRY CONCERNING INVITATIONS FOR THE SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE AND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, USUN SHOULD STATE THAT THE USG BELIEVES THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED BY SECRETARIAT TO ALL REPEAT ALL PARTIES TO THE SEABED TREATY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT UNANIMITY OF VIEWS BY THE DEPOSITARIES WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC INVITATIONS IS APPROPRIATE OR REQUIRED, SINCE IT WAS DISAGREEMENT AS TO WHICH STATES OR ENTITIES SHOULD BECOME PARTIES THAT OCCASIONED THE NEED FOR THREE DEPOSITARY NATIONS. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SINGLE LIST OF TREATY PARTIES FOR USE BY SECRETARIAT IN ISSUING INVITATIONS, WE SUGGEST THAT EACH DEPOSITARY SUBMIT TO THE UN A LIST OF THOSE STATES OR ENTITIES WHICH HAVE DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WITH THAT DEPOSITARY.

2. IF, AS IS LIKELY, SECRETARIAT IS UNWILLING TO ADOPT THIS PROCEDURE, USUN SHOULD STATE THAT WE THEN BELIEVE ITS ALTERNATE SUGGESTION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED -- I.E. THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE STANDARD DRAFT INVITATION TO BE CIRCULATED BY EACH DEPOSITARY TO EACH PARTY THAT HAS DEPOSITED AN INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION WITH IT. (PARA 3 REFTEL)

3. FYI: WE SUSPECT (AND WE MAY SUGGEST) THAT ROC MAY NOT WISH TO ATTEND CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF NEAR CERTAINTY THAT ITS CREDENTIALS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. END FYI. ROBINSON

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